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1. an airfield was located near Workuta (67°30'N/64°00'E) between Pit 40 and Pit 1 (Capital Pit) 25X1
 Between June and mid-September 1953, some biplanes were daily seen aloft. these were courier aircraft and aircraft patrolling over the tundra. In addition, 2 to 3 aircraft usually twin-engine aircraft were seen daily taking off and landing at the field. 25X1
these were commercial aircraft.
2. Between July and December 1953, there was intensive air activity over Tapiu (54°39'N/21°05'E). Up to 10 jet aircraft presumably MiG-15s were seen aloft at the same time. The pilots were apparently in an initial status of formation flying. The aircraft usually approached from the East and headed west or approached from the south, headed toward the north and over the Baltic Sea turned to the East. 25X1
Parachuting was not seen. Prior to midnight, 3 to 4 aircraft which had set position lights were repeatedly seen flying from south to north when the weather was favorable. The aircraft flew formation and according to the noise, were thought to be of the same type seen during daytime. A low humming sound often heard at night indicated that bomber aircraft were flying at high altitudes. The aircraft apparently came from northeast and headed toward southwest. Detonations were heard after the aircraft had crossed over Tapiu, probably at a point about 10 km southwest of it. Apparently medium and heavy bombs were dropped. During daytime, a low humming noise was repeatedly heard and vapor trails were seen over Tapiu apparently originating from bombers. 25X1
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1.  Comment. Warkuta airfield is a minor installation which is used by courier aircraft and, occasionally, for intermediate landings, by twin-engine transport aircraft.

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2.  Comment. The information agrees with previous information.  ground attack aircraft practiced bombing was to be corrected. The aircraft concerned were probably Pe-2s which possibly were stationed at Insterburg (Chernyakhovsk) (54°39'E/21°50'E).

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